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OF THE  
*18<sup>th</sup> Annual Session*  
**TOMBIGBEE BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION.**

HELD WITH

BETHANY CHURCH.

YALE, ITAWAMBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

OCTOBER 15, 16, AND 17, 1901.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD WITH

SALEM CHURCH,

COMMENCING ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD

SUNDAY IN OCTOBER 1902.

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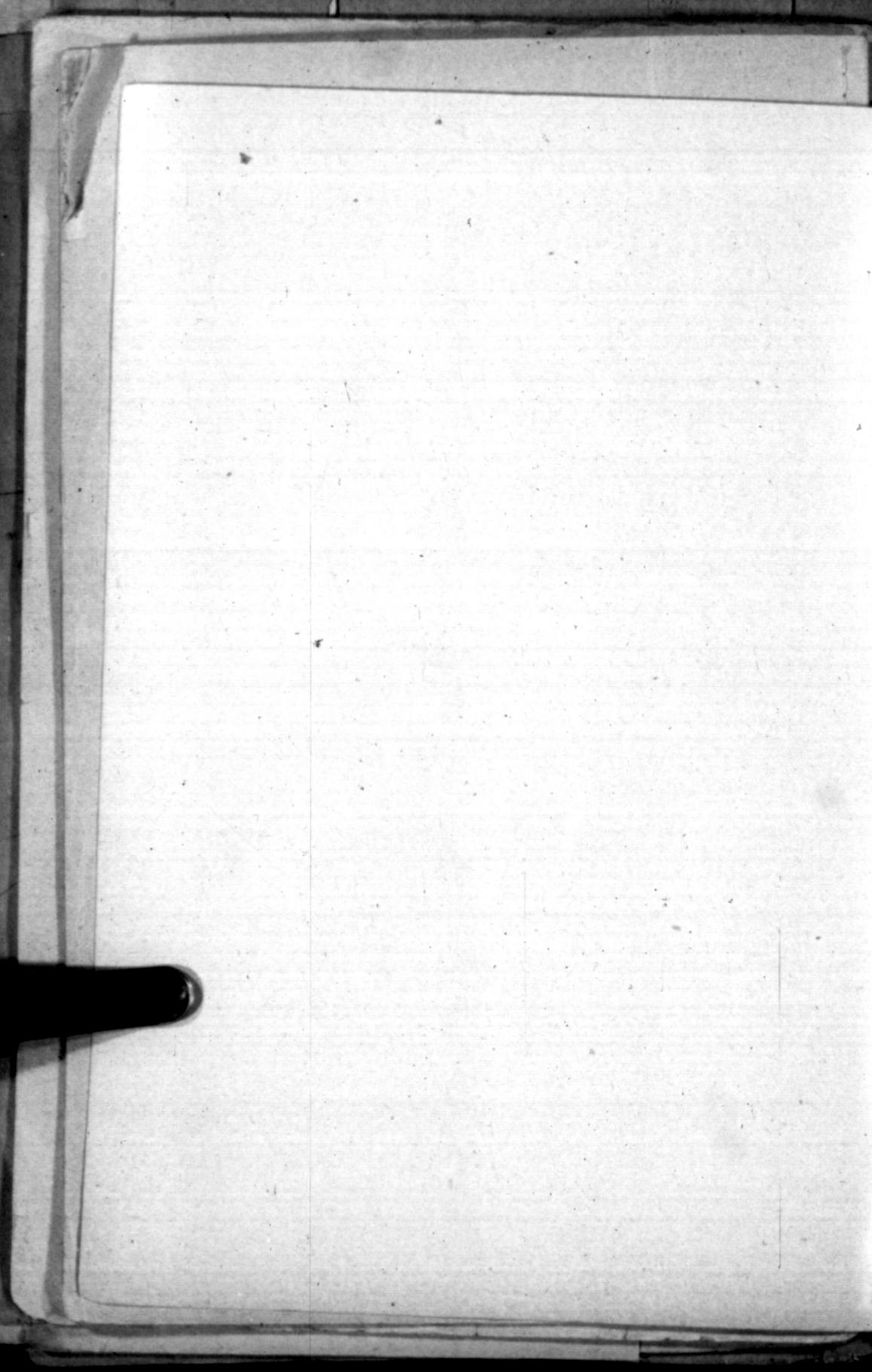
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## MINUTES.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TOMBIGBEE  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MET IN BETHANY CHURCH AT  
OAKLAND NORMAL INSTITUTE, YALE, MISSISSIPPI, ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 1901.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder N. T. Clayton. After refreshments the messengers met at 1:30. Devotional Exercises was conducted by the Moderator Wm. M. Chaffin, who read Romans 5th chapter. Prayer by Elder J. S. Stockton.

Brothers S. T. Graham and C. A. Gilbert, were appointed reading clerks, also on the Finance Committee, as follows: S. M. Weatherford, J. M. F. Neal and Wm. Mayhall. Letters from churches read and messengers names enrolled.

Providence: W. R. Grimes, J. M. Parker and T. B. Wilson. Union: J. M. Cain and Joe Clingan. Pleasant Grove: J. K. P. Scott and D. A. Mattox. Mt. Pleasant: John T. Dulaney, G. J. Senter and Charles Graham. Ebenezer: S. M. Weatherford, Elders J. S. Stockton and C. A. Gilbert. Highland: F. M. Blunt and J. M. F. Neal. Bethel: J. S. Whitehead. Red Bud: M. L. Parker and R. L. Williams. Prospect: J. D. Mann. Jackson Camp: M. C. Hill. Harmony: T. J. Taylor and N. B. Castleberry. Salem: J. E. Johnson and J. L. Conwill. Fairview: J. F. Vinson and E. L. Martin. Antioch: Wm. Mayhall. Mt. Moriah: G. W. Cook. New Home: J. H. Powell, T. F. Hankins and R. V. Wheeler. Union Grove: R. B. K. McFadden and W. T. Gregory. Hopewell: G. W. Davis, J. B. Fowler and G. W. Conwill. Mt. Pisgah: Elder J. E. Anthony and O. McFadden. Bethany: W. T. Lessenberry, J. T. Ginn and E. J. Benson.

On motion went into election of moderator and clerk. C. A. Gilbert and S. T. Graham were appointed Tellers. The former moderator and clerk were re-elected.

The moderator called out the following committees:

Devotion: Joe Vinson, J. H. Powell, M. C. Hill, with deacons of Bethany church. Foreign Missions: C. A. Gilbert, J. L. Conwill, and James Johnson. Home Mis-

sions: J. S. Stockton, J. F. Benson, and John T. Dulaney. State Missions: J. E. Anthony, T. F. Hankins, and J. K. P. Scott. Associational Missions: J. M. F. Neal, Joe Clingan, and J. D. Mann. Baptist Literature: J. T. Robinson, G. J. Senter, and U. G. Summerford. Ministerial Education: J. S. Stockton, Chas. Graham, and J. T. Holly. Temperance: J. F. Benson, J. T. Taylor, and Alf. Mattox. Sunday Schools: C. A. Gilbert, S. M. Weatherford, and J. T. Dulaney. Documents: J. M. F. Neal, S. M. Weatherford, and C. A. Gilbert. Obituaries: J. E. Anthony, J. L. Conwill, and E. L. Cain. Nominations: J. K. P. Scott, J. M. F. Neal and T. F. Hankins.

On motion adjourned to 8:30 Wednesday morning.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment. "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" was sung. Prayer by Elder N. T. Clayton.

Called for detained letters.

#### RETURN CORRESPONDENCE.

On motion, all members of this body carrying minutes of this session to other bodies, will be considered our corresponding messengers.

To SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION:—Elder N. T. Clayton; alternates Elders J. F. Benson and J. S. Stockton.

To MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION:—Wm. M. Chaffin, F. M. Blunt and J. F. Benson.

#### CALL FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

#### BAPTIST LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Baptist Literature recommend the following as sound religious periodicals: The Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss.; The Southern Baptist, Memphis, Tenn.; The Baptist Standard, Dallas, Texas; The Baptist Flag, Fulton, Ky.; The Foreign Mission Journal, and The Sunday School Literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROBINSON, Chairman.  
G. J. SENTER,  
U. G. SUMMERFORD.

The report was spoken to by J. S. Stockton, Noah T. Clayton and J. E. Anthony. Adopted.

#### REPORTS ON MISSIONS.

Reports read in the following order: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report as follows: This is a question of great magnitude and calls for our aid and assistance in every possible way, and not only our aid financially, but our condolence and great sympathy for our missionaries, both male and female, in the barbarous and sin-foreign land. We are already aware of the fact of the sad fate of many of our missionaries by the hands of those who oppose Christianity. It does seem that this is an unholy war, but who knows but what God in his providence is conducting it for purposes of His Glory; that it may disrupt and be the downfall of this mighty power of evil, and that after it shall have ended the dynasty of these oppressors will be known no more, and built upon its ruins, governments which will recognize and worship the God we worship. Let us take courage from the words of our Great Leader, the captain of our salvation, when He says, "My Gospel shall be preached in all the World." Let us still contribute of our substance to further on the great commission, "Go Ye into all the World and preach My Gospel to every creature." Let us give a good share of our contributions to support our missionaries abroad, of America, especially our own beloved southland, who are doing a great work all along the line. The work done in the south during the last conventional year was the best in its history. Let us take courage and move on, conquering and to conquer through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, until victory shall be inscribed upon this banner in all the world. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. GILBERT, Chairman.  
J. L. CONWILL,  
J. E. JOHNSON.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions is called upon to make a report upon this branch of our mission work. This work is being enlarged and our responsibilities are greater than ever before. The scope of our Home Mission work embraces in its cooperative efforts all of the southern states and Cuba. We learn from other reports what the Home Board has done in the last ten years of its existence. It has had in its employ 4,522 missionaries; these have baptised 53,438; added to the churches 111,706; constituted 1,819 churches; organized 3,439 Sunday Schools; raised for building houses of worship by missionaries \$646,385. This work of last year shows a quarter increase over any former

year. We recommend to this association that we cooperate with this work, and that we do all in our power to aid the Home Board in their great struggle in the evangelizing this southland of ours. Submitted.

J. S. STOCKTON, Chairman.

J. F. BENSON,

J. T. DULANEY.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following report: Brethren, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Missions is the spirit of Christianity. We rejoice when we see such great progress as has been made during the past year. Brethren, let us be more zealous of this good work and push it to the front in our beloved state. Let us give cheerfully, and go in and possess the land. Respectfully submitted.

J. E. ANTHONY, Chairman.

T. F. HANKINS,

J. K. P. SCOTT.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, recommend that this association employ a missionary to work in the field and sustain him because of the command to "Preach the Gospel to every creature," and we find in this association places that are destitute of Baptist preaching. Respectfully submitted.

J. D. MANN, Chairman.

J. M. F. NEAL,

W. J. CLINGAN.

The reports on missions was discussed jointly by Elds. C. A. Gilbert, Noah T. Clayton and J. S. Stockton. On motion adjourned for preaching pending the discussion on missions.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. S. Stockton preached the Missionary Sermon in his usual clear and logical style. At close of sermon he called on the brethren for a contribution to Associational Missions and \$10.30 was realized.

The body met at 2 o'clock. Leave of absence was granted M. C. Hill and A. Mattox. The subject of missions was resumed and Elder J. F. Benson spoke on the subject after which Elder J. S. Stockton asked the messengers to

pledge for the work during the year 1902. The following pledges were made:

J. S. Stockton.....	\$2.00	J. T. Holly.....	\$1.00
T. J. Taylor.....	1.00	J. H. Powell.....	2.00
J. M. Weaver.....	2.00	J. T. Robinson.....	1.00
R. C. Burns.....	1.00	G. J. Senter.....	1.00
J. E. Anthony.....	1.00	E. L. Cain.....	1.00
F. M. Holly.....	1.00	C. A. Gilbert (Paid.)	1.00
W. T. Gregory.....	1.00	W. H. Rouse.....	1.00
J. F. Benson.....	2.00	S. M. Weatherford.....	1.00
C. B. Graham.....	1.00	J. T. Dulaney.....	1.00
J. A. Conwill.....	.50	J. M. F. Neal.....	1.00
S. T. Whitehead.....	1.00	T. F. Hankins.....	1.00
Joe Vinson.....	1.00	J. K. P. Scott.....	1.00
R. C. Holly (Paid.)	.25	E. J. Benson.....	1.00
G. W. Davis.....	1.00		
Total.....			\$29.75

ORPHANS HOME.

We, your committee on Orphans Home, beg leave to make the following report: We are proud that we have such an institution as the Orphans Home, located at Jackson, Miss., where the Spiritual as well as the literal culture of the poor orphans can, and do have proper attention, without which those dear ones would be left so lonely. There are today 48 children in the institution, with about 30 more pathetically asking admission, but sad as it is, our faithful superintendent must say no, for lack of room. We recommend this home to your body as a worthy object of your hearty and liberal support and ask each minister to insist on his churches to help in this good cause. Respectfully Submitted.

W. H. ROUSE, Chairman.  
W. H. MARK,  
R. C. BURNS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. It is the sense of this association that a board be created to look after the Orphans Home work, composed of one member, either a brother or sister, of each church, whose duty it shall be to look after the work of the Mississippi Baptist Orphans Home; to collect funds for the support of same and report results to this body. Submitted. Adopted. J. S. Stockton.

2. Substitute for the 8th Article of Constitution: Our

executive board shall consist of one member from each church, elected by his church, to look after the subject of missions in his church and report to the association. The chairman shall be appointed by the moderator of the association, who can call the board thus created together, when he sees proper. This board shall have full charge of the mission work in this association.

3. That all the board members who shall be elected by their churches, are constituent members of the association, and entitled to all the privileges as other members. Submitted by J. S. Stockton. Adopted.

On motion Elder C. A. Gilbert was placed on Finance and Document committees in place of Wm. Mayhill.

Adjourned to 8:30 Thursday morning.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

Met at 8:30 Thursday morning. Prayer by brother J. F. Benson. Call for report on Ministerial Education, which was read by Prof. J. T. Holly, and spoken to by J. T. Holly, N. T. Clayton, J. E. Anthony, J. L. Conwill, J. S. Stockton and Jas. F. Benson.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Committee on Ministerial Education reports the following: Knowing that it is impossible for a minister to teach or explain fully the common English language or thought and information expressed in the same without being educated in English. We have the Bible written in English, therefore it is impossible for a minister here to teach the scriptures in full without an English education. Knowing further that it requires a well trained and developed mind, together with a general knowledge to explain the Bible and make the proper applications of it to the people. Education trains and develops the mind and gives general information, therefore ministers must be educated in order to teach the Bible correctly. Christ's commission says: "Teach all nations." To teach means to instruct, to instruct requires knowledge and knowledge is gotten by education. Different nations speak different languages and have different manners and customs. People of the same country and even of the same community are not the same in intellect, manners and customs. A minister in order to teach the many classes of people must understand their language, temperaments, ways and customs. If we have young men among us that are truly born of God (regenerated) and

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impressed by the Spirit of God that it is their duty to preach the gospel and they are like in the above knowledge on qualifications, it is our christian duty to help such men to improve the talents God has given them. We recommend that this association can, and ought to keep one young minister in school 10 months each year and that within its own bounds, as we have as good schools and much cheaper than many others elsewhere. Respectfully submitted by your committee.

J. S. STOCKTON,  
CHAS. GRAHAM,  
J. T. HOLLY.

Adopted.

REPORT OF C. A. GILBERT.

Received for educational purposes: Highland, \$2.50; Salem, \$1.00; Pleasant Grove, \$1.00; Bethlehem, \$1.00; Bethany, \$1.00; Ebenezer, \$15.00; Union, \$.75. Making a total of \$22.25.

Adjourned for preaching. Eld. J. E. Anthony preached at 11 o'clock. The association convened at 1 o'clock.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report: We believe the cause of Temperance is gaining ground. Other counties have voted out alcohol, and the officers of the law are doing more to suppress the matchless evil than hitherto. We recommend that all christians use their influence against this evil by abstaining from its use and by moral suasion. Submitted.

J. F. BENSON, Chairman.

Spoken to by Stockton, Holly and Gilbert. Adopted.

Leave of absence was granted J. D. Mann, E. L. Cain and W. J. Clingan.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is "the church at work." Though the word Sunday School itself is not in the scripture, yet the Lord said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not." Again we find where he brought little children to Himself, and blessed them. Therefore the Sunday School is a Bible School, and it is the purpose that this school should reach the older people of the community. We are sorry to note that but few of our churches have Sunday Schools. It is an evidence that there is a lack of interest manifested in our bounds; it is apparent that this confronts us with a problem demanding earnest as well as prayerful consideration. We your committee appeal to

you and state that this condition of affairs ought not to exist. Respectfully submitted.

C. A. GILBERT, Chairman.  
S. M. WEATHERFORD,  
J. T. DULANY.

The report was spoken to by J. T. Holly and J. S. Stockton. Adopted.

DOCUMENTS.

We have gathered from the statistics as shown by the letters to the association, that but few revivals of religion have been held within our bounds during the year, and but few baptisms are reported. We note with sadness that many churches report no pastor's salary, even where they have an average membership. This is a sad condition, for we believe that our pastors should receive a liberal salary. We notice many churches are in a condition of spiritual lethargy, no contributions to the cause of missions, few Sunday Schools, no prayer meetings. There needs to be a general awakening along the line. We find that Salem church invites the next association. The Union Meeting of the First District will be held with Pleasant Grove church Friday before the Second Lord's Day in August 1902, eleven and one-half miles south of Fulton, Miss. J. F. Benson to preach Introductory, J. E. Anthony Alternate. The Union of the Second District will meet on Friday before Second Lord's Day in August, 1902, with Ebenezer church. Introductory preacher C. A. Gilbert, Alternate J. M. Harrison. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. F. NEAL, Chairman.  
S. M. WEATHERFORD,  
C. A. GILBERT.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report: Since our last meeting death has visited the homes of our association and taken from us the following brethren and sisters, Viz: Fairview, Sister Nancy Barkley, age 89 years. Salem, Sister Lucy Jameson. Union, Sister Allie Brakefield. New Bethel, Brother T. J. Johnson, age 41 years. Providence, Sister Nancy Carmack, age 55 years. Hopewell, Sister Avie McCuchens. Red Bud, Brother R. J. Hammett. Ebenezer, Sister Angeline Campbell, age 80 years. Bethlehem, Sister M. E. Storment. New Home, Sister M. A. Roberts, age 29 years. Mt. Moriah, Sister H. M. Jeter, age 71 years. Brethren let us

not sorrow as them that have no hope, but let us look for the coming of Christ who will bring them with Him. Submitted.

J. E. ANTHONY, Chairman.

J. L. CONWILL,

E. L. CAIN.

QUERIES.

After a church has selected a pastor and then finds him to be an Heretic, is it right to retain him?

Answer: No. Adopted.

FINANCE.

Minute Fund.....	\$18.55
State Missions.....	.50
Home Missions .....	.75
Foreign Missions .....	3.05
Associational Missions.....	11.45
Brought over from 1899.....	2.20
Orphans Home.....	1.30
Monumental Fund.....	.45
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Total.....	\$38.25

C. A. GILBERT, Chairman.

S. M. WEATHERFORD,

J. M. F. NEAL.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Minute Fund.....	\$18.37
Foreign Missions .....	2.90
State Missions.....	1.00
Orphans Home.....	6.00
Associational Missions.....	25.00
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Total.....	\$53.27

DISBURSED.

For Minutes.....	\$13.50
Clerk's Fee.....	4.87
Foreign Missions .....	2.90
State Missions.....	1.00
Orphans Home.....	6.00
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Total.....	\$28.27
Associational Missions on hand	\$25.00

F. M. BLUNT, Treasurer.

#### NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations make report as follows:  
We place in nomination Salem Church for the next meeting  
of this body. Elder W. W. Gilbert Introductory preacher,  
Elder J. E. Anthony Alternate. Elder J. F. Benson to  
preach Missionary sermon, Elder C. A. Gilbert, Alternate.  
Submitted. J. K. P. SCOTT, Chairman.

Elder J. S. Stockton was granted leave to preach the  
funeral of Sister Hughes, Burleson, Ala.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. M. Perry,	Highland, Miss.
J. F. Benson,	Yale, Miss.
J. T. Robinson,	Raburnville, Miss.
J. S. Stockton,	Belmont, Miss.
A. F. Cole,	Coke, Miss.
N. T. Clayton,	Tilden, Miss.
W. D. Bookout,	Clay, Miss.
J. E. Anthony,	Clay, Miss.
W. W. Gilbert,	Belmont, Miss.
C. A. Gilbert,	Iuka, Miss.
Joe Farris,	Emma, Miss.
J. M. Harrison,	Dennis, Miss.
L. M. Taylor,	Mann, Miss.
W. D. Page,	Crippledeer, Miss.
A. N. Cook,	Eggville, Miss.
W. J. Clingan,	Mingo, Miss.
Walter Hamilton,	Dennis, Miss.
G. W. Adams,	Golden, Miss.
J. A. Conwill,	Eastman, Miss.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

We are ever thankful for the kindness shown us by  
our brethren and sisters during our stay with them. We  
are thankful to Almighty God for his care and blessings on  
our work during this session of the association. We pray  
that after our partings here on earth it will be to meet  
again where parting will be known no more. Farewell  
brethren, if we meet no more on earth, "Till We Meet  
Around the Great White Throne."

On motion adjourned to meet at Salem Church, at 10  
o'clock, on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October,  
1902.

Wm. M. CHAFFIN,

Moderator.

F. M. BLUNT,

Clerk and Treas.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

